

June 27, 2006

Mr. André-Claude Lacoste
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Dear Director General Lacoste:

Thank you for your letter of April 21, 2006, indicating your willingness to share technical review documents and official letters relating to the review of the EPR project as the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and DGSNR continue our cooperation under Stage 1 of the Multinational Design Approval Program. These documents will be valuable to the NRC staff in its review of the AREVA EPR submittal for design certification. I am pleased that we are in the process of formalizing our mutual understanding of cooperation with the signing of a Memorandum of Cooperation.

I also welcome your invitation for representatives of NRC to participate in the discussions on EPR topics of the Standing Group of Experts for Reactors. Mr. Gupta has informed us that the next meeting will occur on July 6 at DGSNR headquarters. NRC plans to send two representatives to the meeting and will forward the names shortly.

Sincerely,

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